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REF: State 027571, 027132

1. Letter on prisoners (reftel) delivered to Chinese

Embassy 4 PM Feb 21. Emb officer made appointment with

Chi Emb officer Lo at airport 2 PM where Emb Officer was

seeing Anderson off for London and Lo seeing off Chicom

officer for London same plane.

2. Emboff read unofficial Polish translation of letter

aloud to Lo, who then took letter out of room. On returning,

Lo commented only that "position of Chinese side in the matter

of Lt. Dunn has been made clear in earlier letters." Lo

said that the letter would be transmitted to his

Govt.

3. Following suggestion by Kreisberg, Emboff broached subject

of delivery of letters to this Emb by Chinese. Lo replied

that it "usual international practice" deliver letters to

receiving embassies. Therefore, in future, Chinese will

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Some time when they have message, we are to call on them
when we have message.

4. Atmosphere between Laboff and Lo normal. Tea served
and considerable small talk made about weather. When
asked if person he seeing off earlier at airport was
member their talk team, Lo said no, he was visitor to
Warsaw on different matter.

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5. We do not believe local press aware of visit. If we receive subsequent inquiries based on firm knowledge that visit took place we will confirm call and use guidance set forth State 027132 (i.e., it was for purpose of delivering letter about prisoners and missing Americans) with no further comment.

6. Request guidance in event correspondents, as is more likely, have no firm info re visit but query Embassy whether any further contacts have taken place. We would assume same guidance would apply, but will respond with "no comment" to such inquiries pending Dept's reply.

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